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BURNHAM-ON-SEA.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Burnham-on-Sea
Urban District Council.*

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area=2246 acres.

Registrar's estimate of :—

(a) resident population mid-1939=7,613.

(b) average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates=7,942.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to the Rate Book=2,322.

Rateable value £64,728.

Sum represented by a penny rate=£249 8s. 7d.

Social conditions :—

Chief industries carried on in the area=Bacon Factory, Creamery, Brickyards and Shipping Port.

Extent of unemployment=3.1.

Vital Statistics :—

		Total	M	F	
Live Births	Legitimate	101	51	50	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population=13.2.
	Illegitimate	3	3	—	
Still Births		2	2	—	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births=13.2.
Deaths		108	54	54	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population=13.5.

Deaths from puerperal causes :—

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)
No. 29. Puerperal sepsis	Nil	—
No. 30. Other puerperal causes	Nil	—
Total	Nil	—

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	... ..	.5 per 1,000
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	... ..	.5 " "
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	... ..	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	... ..	15
" " Measles (all ages)	... ..	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	... ..	Nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	... ..	Nil

Sickness which has been specially noteworthy during the year :—Nil.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

- (i) Public Health Officers of the Authority :—
Medical Officer of Health—A. R. Wade, L.M.S.S.A.
Surveyor—E. Dixon Grubb, A.M.I.C.E.
Sanitary Inspector—W. B. Graham, R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
- (ii) (a) Laboratory facilities—no change.
(b) Ambulance „ —St. John's Ambulance. Mobile Van (A.R.P.) (staffed by Red Cross). Isolation Ambulance at Axbridge Isolation Hospital. Local Ambulance at Weston-super-Mare and Bridgwater if necessary.
(c) Nursing—no change.
(d) Treatment Centre and Clinics—no change.
(e) Public and Voluntary—no change.

Housing.

Very little has been done in Housing activities. Houses have been kept in repair as far as possible. Sanitary arrangements are satisfactory and remedied when necessary.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

- (a) MILK SUPPLY. Farms and Dairies periodically inspected. Examination of samples of Milk sent to County Laboratory for bacterial content and and tubercle bacilli. Samples collected by Police in addition to Inspector.
- (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. Slaughter houses periodically inspected, but now closed on account of the War and all stock for slaughtering sent to Public Abattoir at Weston-super-Mare. The meat is distributed to local butchers. Often on arrival the meat is not very clean.
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Prevalence of, and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Nothing noteworthy in regard to prevalence of Measles or Whooping Cough.

Nothing noteworthy in regard to non-notifiable disease.

Artificial immunization against diphtheria is done in most schools by the school doctors, others by the School County Medical Officers.

The number of pre-school children immunized—numbers negligible

School children immunized—numbers not known.

Typing of Pneumococci—No action taken.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1939.

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	5	5	Nil
Diphtheria	1	1	Nil
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—
Pneumonia	2	—	—
Other Diseases generally notifiable	—	—	—
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New cases and Mortality during 1939.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15	2	4	—	1	1	—	—	—
25	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
& Upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	6	5	—	2	1	1	—	—

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Observations on working of Act — satisfactory.

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